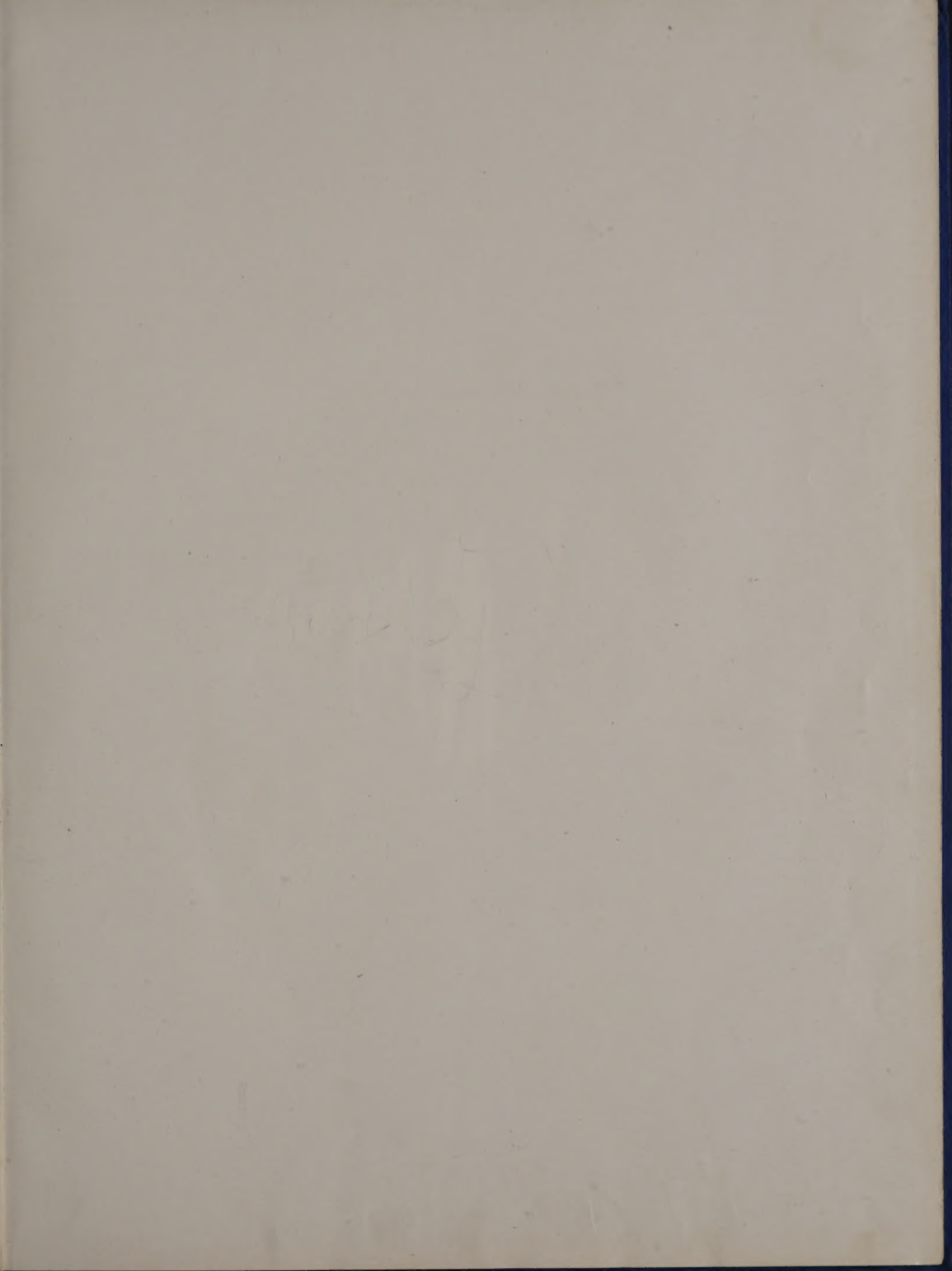
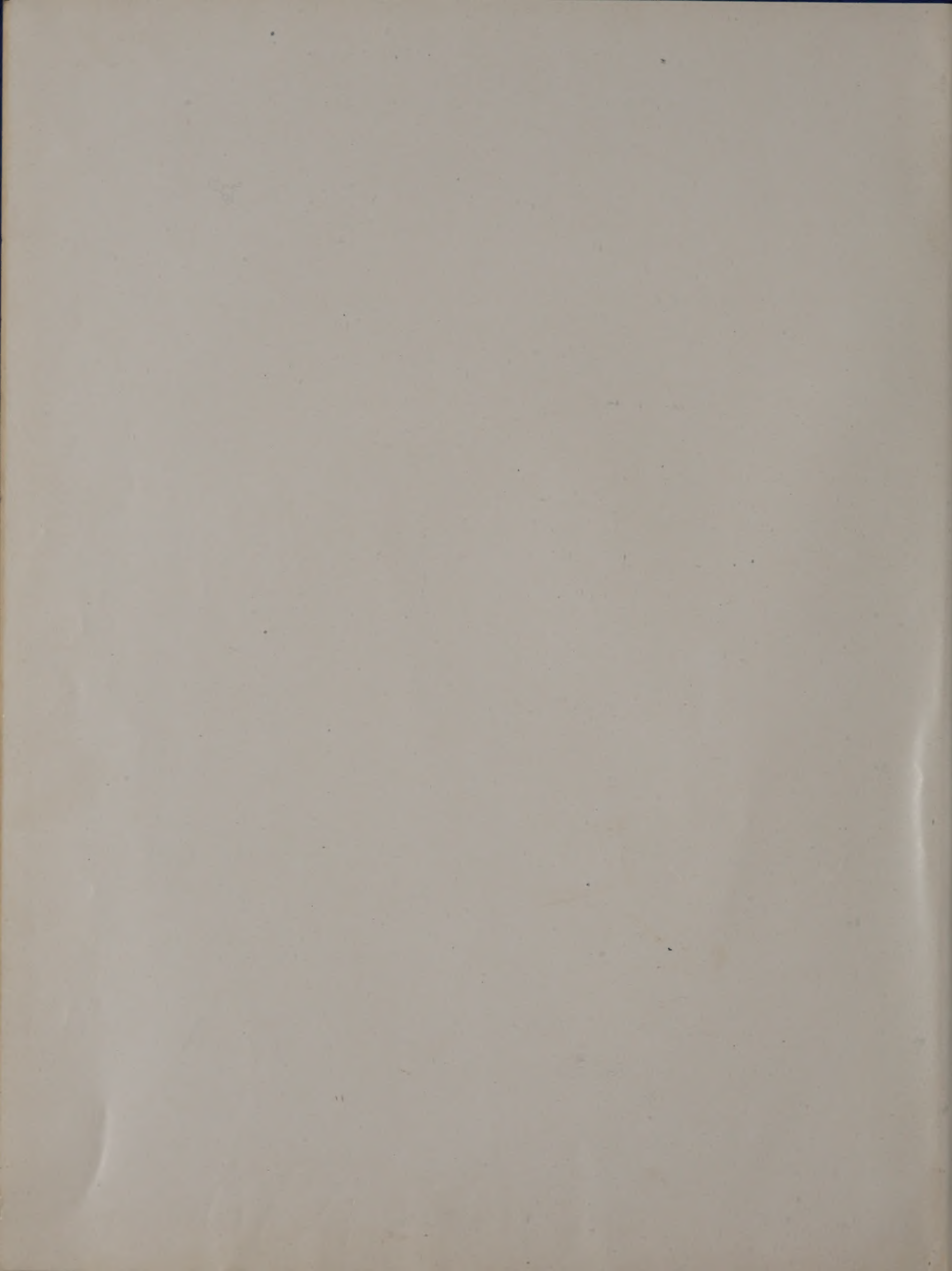


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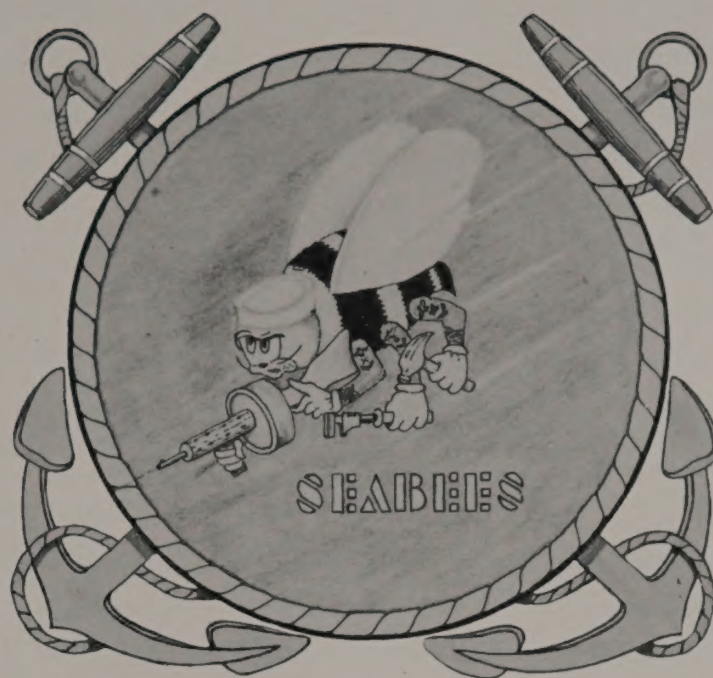
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*To Vice Admiral Ben Moreell,
Chief of the Bureau of Yards and
Docks and Founder of the "Seabees,"
this Book is dedicated.*



THE SEABEES

Prior to December 7th, 1941, naval construction and maintenance was carried on by private contractors under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. After Pearl Harbor, however, America was confronted with the problem of building and defending Naval Advance Bases in every far-flung corner of the globe. Out of this grim necessity came the U.S. Naval Construction Battalions, nicknamed the "Seabees" from the phonetic pronunciation of the initials.

The first "Seabees" were trained in January, 1942, and saw action later in that same month. The enlisted personnel was recruited from every walk of the civilian construction trade. From every branch came skilled artisans, masters in their own particular line of work—carpenters, electricians, plumbers, welders, blacksmiths, masons, riggers, painters, and operators of all types of earth-moving equipment. These men answered the call of their country to serve where they were most sorely needed, and to do the job for which they were best fitted.

The ages of the "Seabees" range from 17 to 50 years, with the majority of the enlistees in the upper half of this bracket. Men too old for regular military duty, many of whom had seen service in the first World War, were given their chance to get in the scrap. The authorized complement of the Construction Battalions has grown from an original 6000 to 262,000.

A battalion consists of a battalion staff, one Headquarters Company and four Construction Companies. The Headquarters Company comprises 177 men, for the most part draftsmen, surveyers, cooks, bakers, yeomen and storekeepers. The Construction Companies have 226 men, of various trades, so placed that each is a well-rounded construction unit.

Since the majority of the men already have an abundance of skill in their own trades, emphasis, during the training period, is placed on the military rather than the construction angle. The "boot", after a very brief orientation process, is plunged into a maze of military drill, commando training, lectures and demonstrations of various phases and methods of warfare. All this, in addition to his technical training, fills the stateside days of the "Seabee" from dawn until dusk.

The Construction Battalions have reason enough to be proud of their achievements, and each day they are adding new pages to the history and exploits of one of the Navy's newest and ablest branches. North, South, East, and West, wherever the ships of the Navy go, there also go the Construction Battalions. They were in North Africa; they have taken over the public works of Navy Bases in the United Kingdom, they are in the North Atlantic, the Caribbean, Newfoundland, the Pacific, and Alaska. Their work at Guadalcanal, Salerno, and Tarawa will long be remembered.

"Construimus Batuimus", the motto of the Construction Battalions, very nicely sums up their aims—yes, the very history of the battalions up to the present time — "We build; we fight."

THE 44TH SEABEES

November, 1942, witnessed the first signs of life of the Forty-fourth U. S. Naval Construction Battalion. It was then that construction men from all sections of the country put aside the tools of their trades and traveled to Camp Bradford, Virginia, to undergo "boot" training in preparation for overseas duty with the SEABEES. For most of the men the real sufferings of war were experienced in the ensuing month. Such small things as sea voyages and bombings were "breathers" compared to "boot."

On December 2, 1942, the Battalion was commissioned and placed in the capable hands of Lt. Comdr. Dole F. Thomson in an impressive ceremony at Camp Bradford, Virginia. The next three months saw the Battalion in training at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, Camp Holliday, Gulfport, Mississippi and Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, California. With each move a smoother functioning outfit moved closer to its ultimate destination, Island "X," in the Southwest Pacific.

Early in February 1943 the first of the three ships which were to carry the equipment and personnel of the 44th Battalion, left Port Hueneme. February 27 was the sailing date of the S.S. "MORMACHAWK", carrying the main body of troops and the remainder of the equipment. The "Hawk" pointed her bow southwest and we took that last, long look at "home" until.

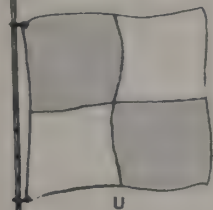
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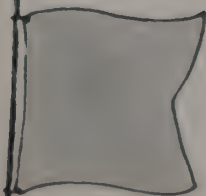
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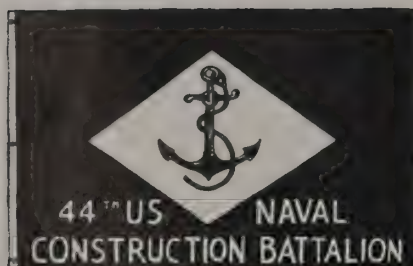
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CAMP BRADFORD, NORFOLK, VA.
2 DECEMBER, 1942

Mrs D.F. Thomson presenting the
Colors to Lt. Comdr. D. F. Thomson.



Miss Marguerite Bennett present-
ing the Battalion Standard to Lt.
R.E. Bennett.

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Lt. Comdr. Dole F. Thomson and Lt. R.E. Bennett presenting the Colors and the Battalion Standard to the Battalion Color Guard.



Company C passing in review.



Company D passing in review.

THE BATTALION OFFICERS
GULFPORT MISSISSIPPI
JANUARY 1943



Lieut W.W. Cummer, Lieut W.G. Messimer, Lieut M. Lamb, Lt (jg) L.G. Phillips,
Lt Comdr. D.F. Thomson, Lieut R.E. Bennett, Lieut R.E. Turrentine Jr., Lieut R.B. Durant,
Lieut R.M. Peacock

Ens R.N. Doolittle, Lt(jg) P.G. DeFazio, Ens R.B. Davis, Ens H.W. Piper, Ens E.W. Cox,
Lt(jg) R.J. Ivy, Lt(jg) S.I. Schechter, Carp. T.J. Cain, Carp. G. Low.

Ens M.N. Palmer, Ens R.C. Dunlop, Carp G.R. Thueneman, Carp D.A. Wigle, Lt(jg) R.A. Milner,
Lt(jg) J.H. Keil Jr., Ens W. Watson, Carp R. Miller.

Lt (jg) R.H. White (not shown) reported aboard at Port Hueneme Calif.
Ranks indicated at time of photograph.

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THE 44TH SEABEES

It was March 18, 1943 when the "Hawk" arrived at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, giving us our first glimpse of our new home.

The next thirty days were a nightmare of organized confusion - rain, mud, begging and "borrowing," but all the time building, and when the sun did break through it shone on the best damned camp on Santo, the 44th Construction Battalion's.

At this base we were attached to the 5th USN Construction Regiment comprised of the 7th, 15th, 35th, 36th, 40th, 44th, and 57th Construction Battalions. The job of building a powerful Naval Advance Base, complete with three bomber strips, one fighter strip, adequate docking facilities, repair and maintenance shops, extensive hospital facilities, and quarters for personnel, had been started in October, 1942, when victory or defeat in the Pacific hung in balance as the fleet engaged the Japs in the battle of Santa Cruz. When we arrived, three strips had been completed and the fourth was in the early stages of construction.

The immediate jobs assigned us were the building of a camp for N A B personnel, construction of a 1500 bed hospital, and the construction of roads vital to the flow of supplies. Other important projects were assigned and with each new and varied type of work confronting us the men rose to the occasion and took it in stride. "Can Do" became far more than a catchy slogan— it was the simple straightforward answer of skilled men to whom no job was too tough.

The following pages record far better than words the accomplishments of the 44th Battalion on Espiritu Santo. The humor, pathos, thrills and drudgery can best be related by you men, in your family circles, where the strength of enemy raids can be colored to taste. By newspaper standards we probably didn't have a hero in the outfit, but we did have an unbeatable combination that did every job better and faster than any competition encountered.





ESPIRITU SANTO, NEW HEBRIDES

In the year 1606, the Spanish explorer, Pedro Fernandez de Quiros, discovered what he thought to be the great southern continent and named the whole Terra Australis del Espiritu Santo, or "The Farthest Land of the Holy Spirit." However, it was not until the middle nineteenth century that the islands were opened for development by France and Great Britain, and in 1906 the present condominium was established by those nations for the joint control of the islands.

Espiritu Santo, with an area of some 1500 square miles, is the largest island of the New Hebrides group which consists of nearly one hundred islands. For the most part it is covered with a dense jungle where are found numerous varieties of valuable hardwoods. A mountain range extends along the western length of the island; there are many streams, some of them navigable. On the southeastern coast, separating Espiritu Santo from the small island of Aore, is Second Channel, about a mile wide and affording an excellent harbor.

The tropical climate, fertile soil and abundant rainfall give this island a luxuriant flora. British and French planters maintain large plantations where coconuts, cocoa, coffee, cotton, bananas, vanilla, pineapples, papayas, and other tropical products are grown.



Santo as seen from Mafia Island

ESPIRITU SANTO



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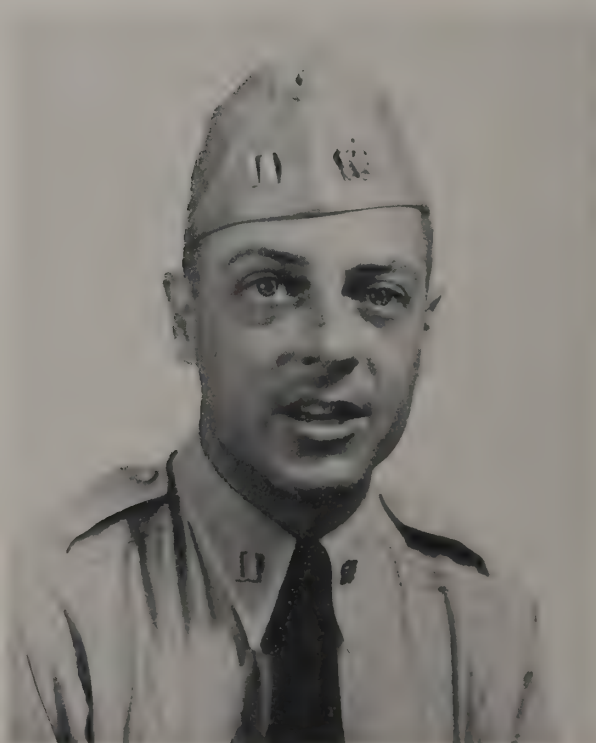
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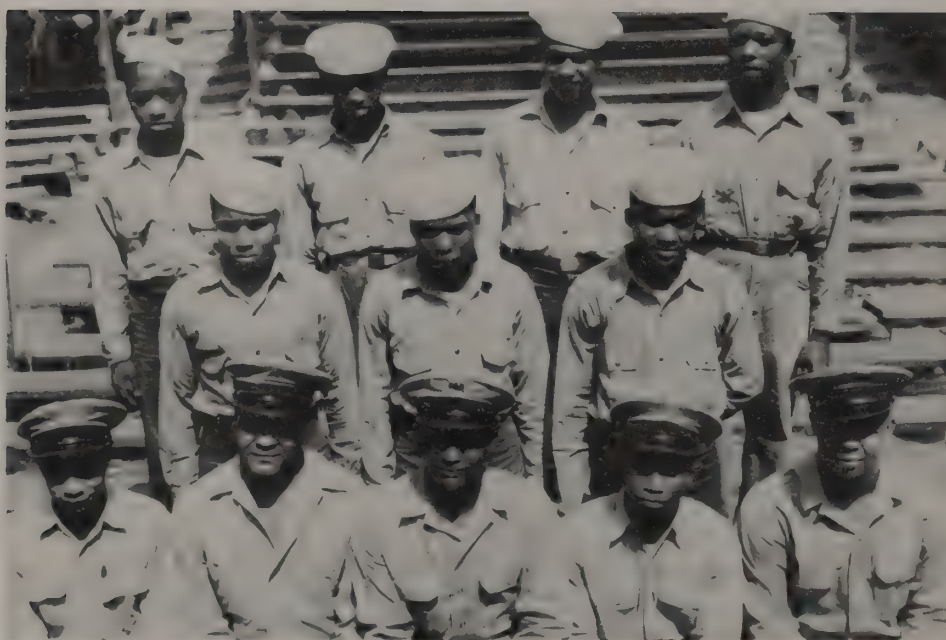
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Chief Fay, Chief Daniel, Chief Hawkins, Manson
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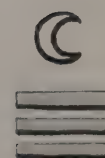
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PAY DAY !

End of the line "Mac"



Supply and Disbursing Office



"There it goes"

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Portion of Administration Area.



"Stop me if you've heard this one."

*The Deacon of Delaware Water Gap
(standing).*



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News from "Gods Country."



Deserted but not for long



Anticipation

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The MAA Staff

THE BRIG



Outside, looking in!

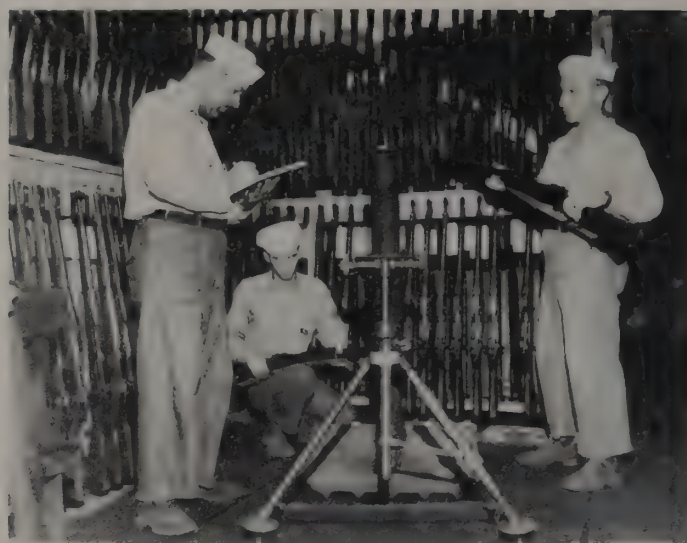


Inside, looking out!

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Engineering Office



Armory



Battalion Switchboard



Malaria Cheaters

DIVINE SERVICES



Symbols of Worship



Chapel



Battalion Choir

MEDICAL FACILITIES



Sick Bay



Casualty



Interior of Sick Bay (staff and Patients)

MEDICAL FACILITIES



Bed Pan Alley !

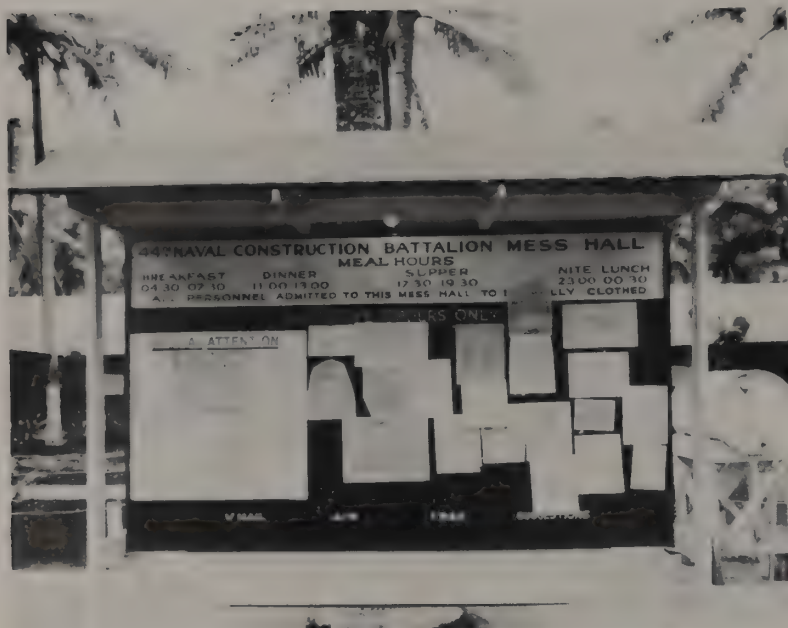


Operations Office



Dental Office

MESS HALL



Bulletin Board



Front



One line we never miss.



Rear

MESS HALL



Galley



Bakery



CPO Mess



Men at Work

OFFICERS' MESS



The Club.



The Bar



The Lounge

OFFICERS' COUNTRY



General View



O-in-C (note luxurious extras)



Supply Corps Officers Tent (not typical)



Officers Head



Stewards Mates

ENLISTED MEN'S QUARTERS



A Home "Down Under"



Another



General View



Typical Interior



Black and Tan

SHIP'S SERVICE



Main Street.



Three chairs—No waiting.



Cobbler in Action.



Tailor Shop.

SHIP'S SERVICE LAUNDRY



No tickee - No washee



Gramers Crew.



Mechanical Dryer.



Drying Yard. (Sunny Days Only)

SHIP'S STORE & RECREATION



Ships Store & Recreation



"SAKS" New Hebrides



Beer Garden



Saturday Night



Monday Morning

RECREATION



ENTERTAINMENT



Female Impersonator "Gerty Latrine" Courtesy of 40th C B

MILITARY TRAINING



TRANSPORTATION



A Rare Scene (Idle Trucks)



Your Coupons Please



Garage and Office



Grease Rack



Repair Shop



Heavy Duty Hoist

SHOP AREA



Machine Shop



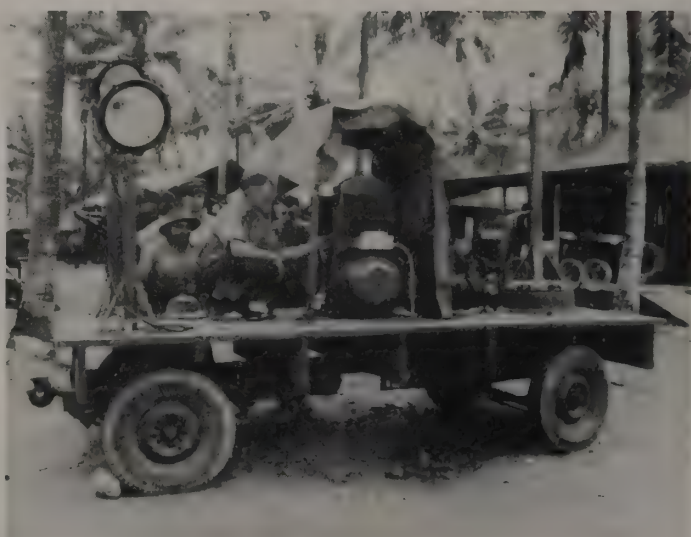
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Sheet Metal Shop

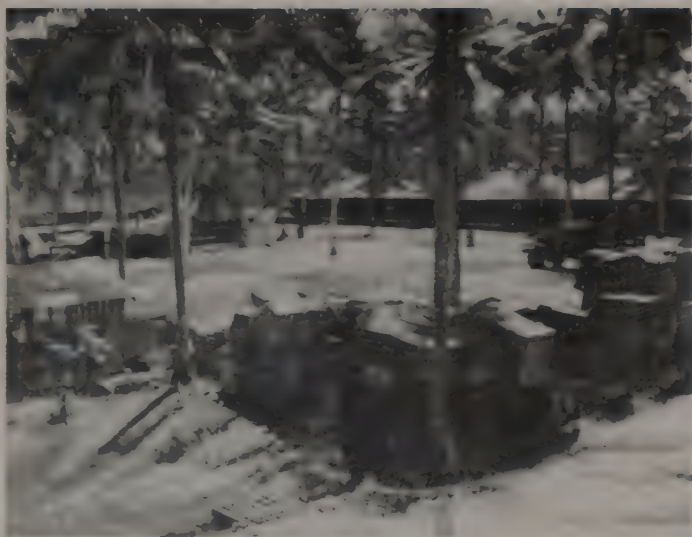


Carpenter Shop



Portable Light Plant

SHOP AREA



Supply Dump



Supply Warehouse



Electric Shop



Paint Shop



Plumbing Shop



Going to Work

CULVERT SHOP



Drum Culverts



Forms for Precast Concrete Culverts

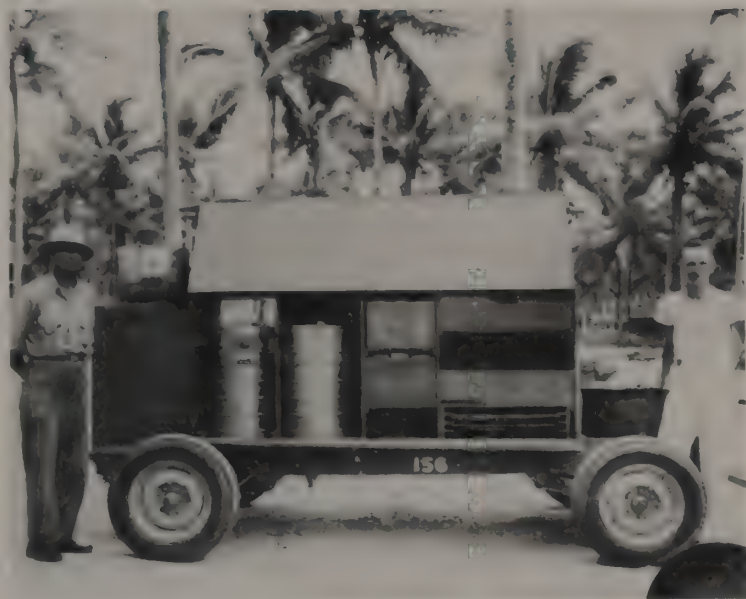


Arch Culvert



Sections aboard "Semi"

ROLLING GALLEY



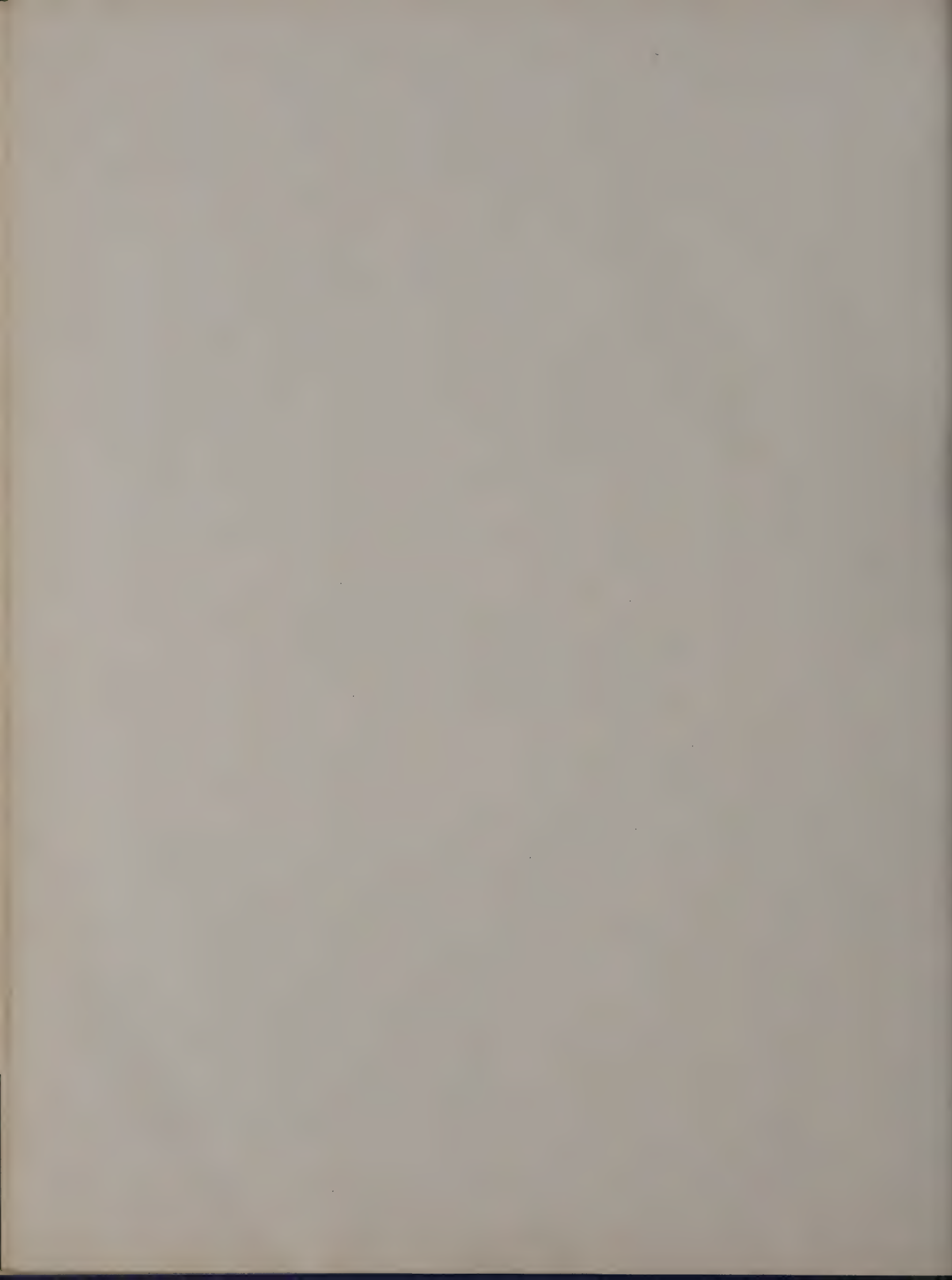
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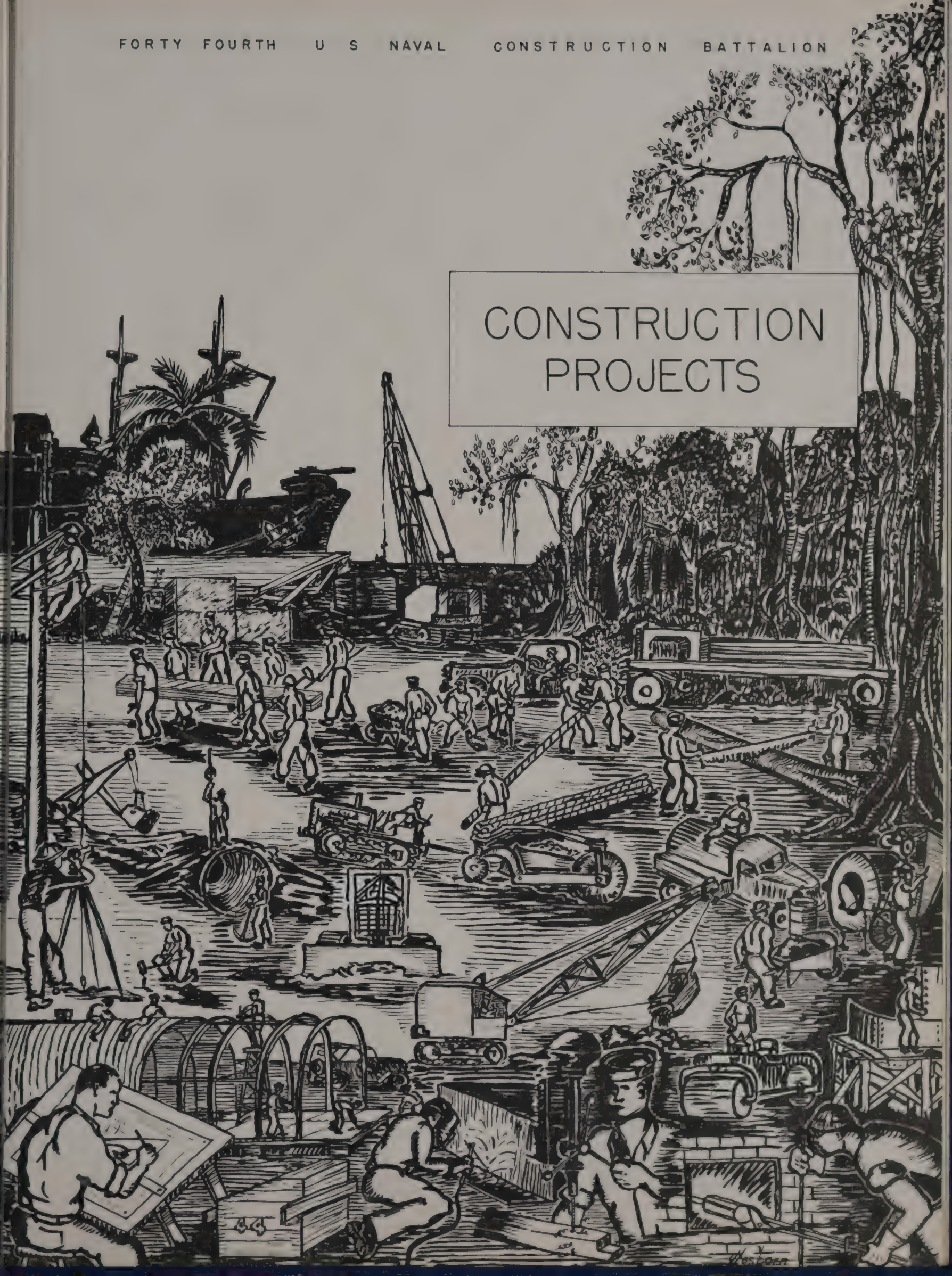
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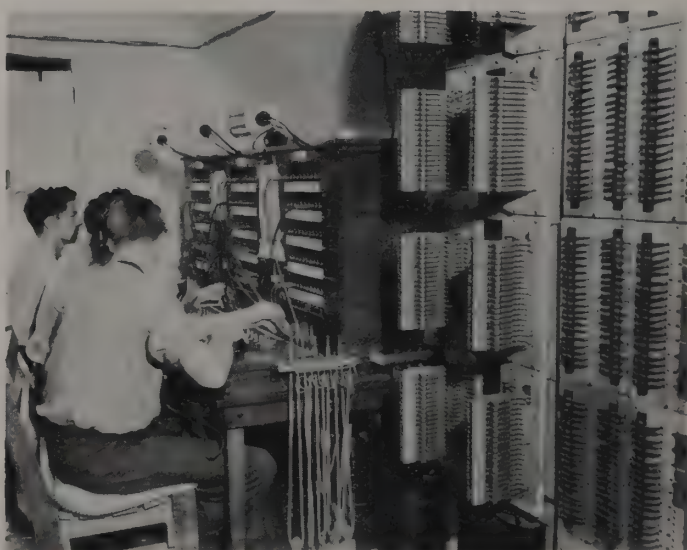
On the Job



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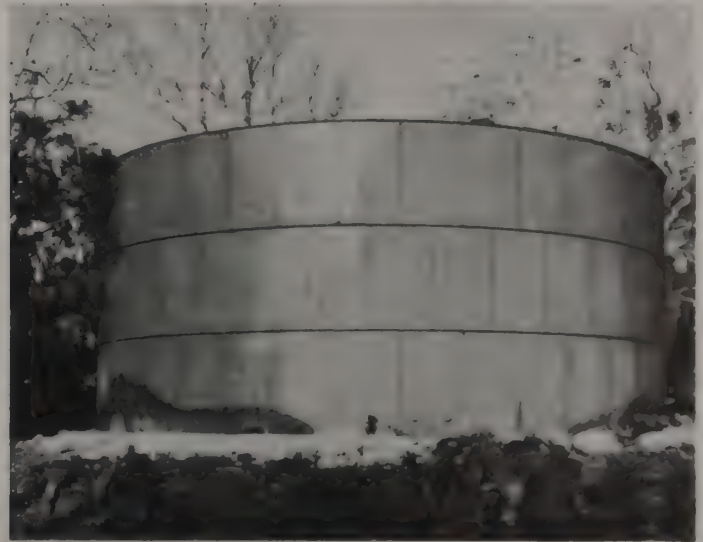
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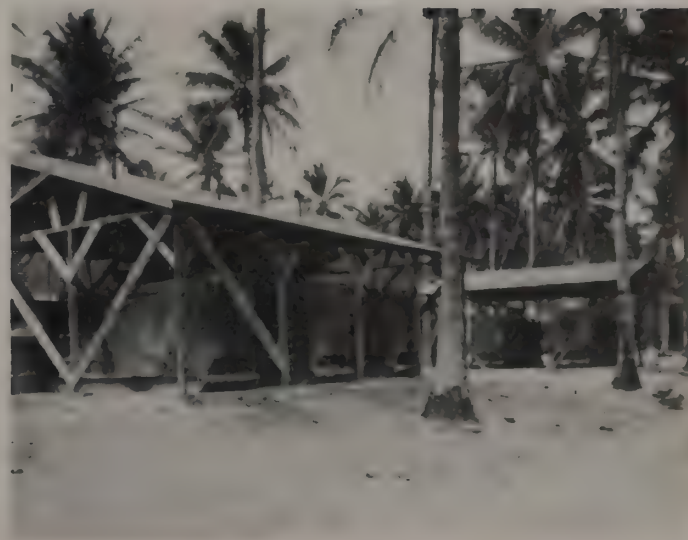
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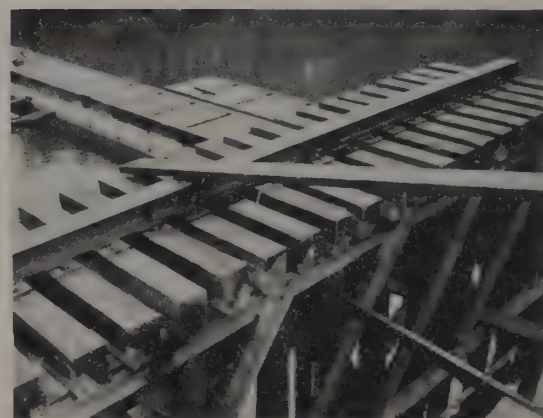
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PIER 5

SHIP REPAIR PIER

PIER 3



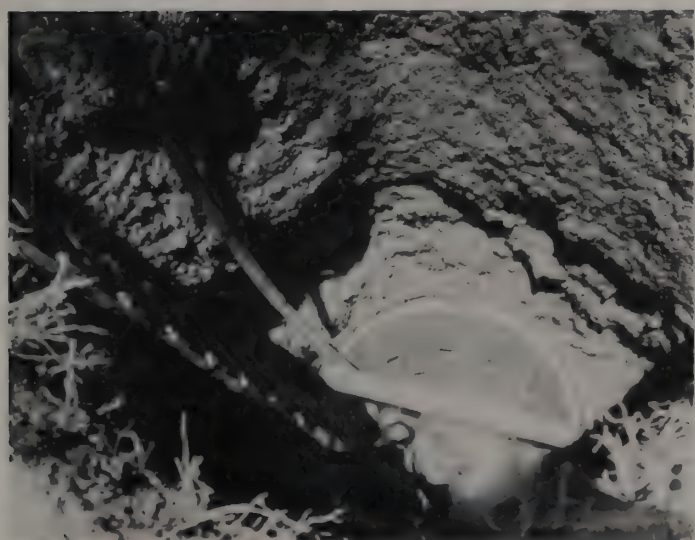
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NAB SHIP'S STORE



BATTLESHIP
DRYDOCK CAMP
AESSI ISLAND





BOAT POOL



PALLIKULO BAY PERSONNEL PIER



FIGHTER DIRECTOR CENTER



HANGAR DOORS



CULVERT INSTALLATIONS



ROAD CONSTRUCTION





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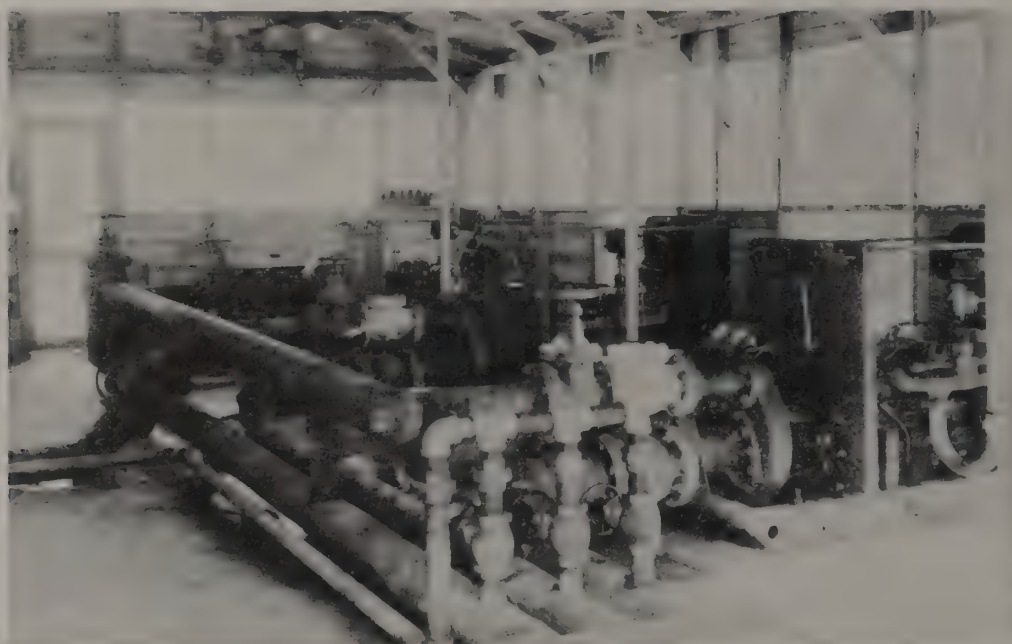
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MARINE AIR GROUP ELEVEN WATER SYSTEM



44TH BATTALION REPLACEMENTS ARRIVING AT ESPIRITU SANTO





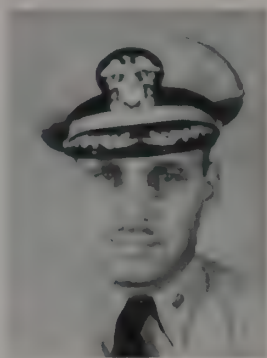
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COVERING ACTIVITIES FROM
17 APRIL 1944 TO 16 JANUARY 1945

THE 44TH ARRIVED IN SAN FRANCISCO 10 FEBRUARY 1945,
HAVING HAD ONLY FOUR DAYS TO LOAD OUT OF MANUS AND
(THEY SAID TWO HOURS) TO CHANGE SHIPS IN THE SOUTH
PACIFIC. COMMANDER THOMSON WAS DETAILED FOR OTHER
DUTY 23 DECEMBER 1944, AND THE BATTALION
FINISHED ITS TOUR OF DUTY WITH
LIEUTENANT R. B. DURANT IN CHARGE

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A.J.WEEAST

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Carp. CEC

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BOTTOM - M.H.TAYLOR V.F.THOMAS E.A.WICKLANDER W.B.WILKERSON R.F.WILSON A.A.ZABOLOTNY S.ZEPNICK

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PLATOON 3



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M.C.FUSCO J.G.HEAGNEY E.E.HEIMEL J.M.HERRINGTON H.G.HIGGINS, JR.

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R.G.RUTAN H.C.SAENDER H.W.SCHULTE V.R.SCHWARTZ

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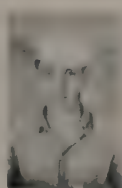
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Receiving the glad news that we had a new assignment . . .

ON TO THE ADMIRALTIES

For weeks the scuttlebutt had been that we would be going home. Like all scuttlebutt it was only half right. We were going—but not home. There followed the task of packing and loading—in the rain, as usual—for the “move.”

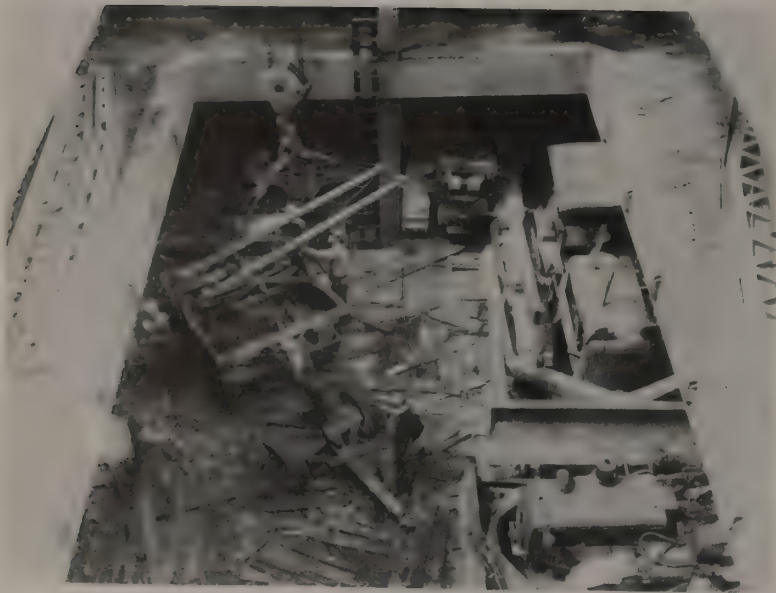
It was on the fourth day of April 1944, (4-4-44), that the main body of the Battalion personnel boarded the U.S.S. —————, which got underway the following day for our new “Island X.” Some detachments of men, together with most of our equipment, had gotten a head start aboard the U.S.S. ———, the S.S. —————, and the S.S. ————. A hot but uneventful crossing of the Coral Sea completed the first leg of our passage, and we arrived at Milne Bay on Easter Sunday, after a sunrise service on the open sea. Liberty gave most of us an opportunity to regain our land legs, but in a few days we were once more underway. Passing along the eastern coast of New Guinea aboard the ———, now the flagship of a sizeable convoy, we had ample opportunity to do some sight-seeing. On 17 April 1944 after a safe crossing of the Bismarck Sea, the Admiralty Islands hove into view, and we sighted our new home, Manus, for the first time.

On Manus we found that the dismounted Cavalry of the U.S. Army had done its job well, leaving but a few hundred effective Japanese troops on the island, and had the situation under control. The activities of the days that followed and our contributions to the construction of a major Naval Advanced Base are easily remembered, but then . . . a picture is worth a thousand words. . . .

THE LANDING MANUS ISLAND, ADMIRALTY GROUP



THE LANDING





SALESIA BEACH CAMP







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JUNGLE TRANSFORMED





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LIEUTENANT R. B. DURANT

ADMINISTRATION



Executive Office



Personnel Office



Departmental Offices



Supply and Disbursing Office



Blue Print Room



Engineering Office

ADMINISTRATION



Chaplain's Office



Censor and Post Office



Master at Arms Office

ADMINISTRATION



Battalion Armory



Telephone Switchboard and Photo Lab

HOSPITAL FACILITIES



Sick Bay



No Duty



Patent Medicines



Operating Room

HOSPITAL FACILITIES



Appendectomy



Dental Office



Laboratory

DIVINE SERVICES



Protestant Service



Catholic Service



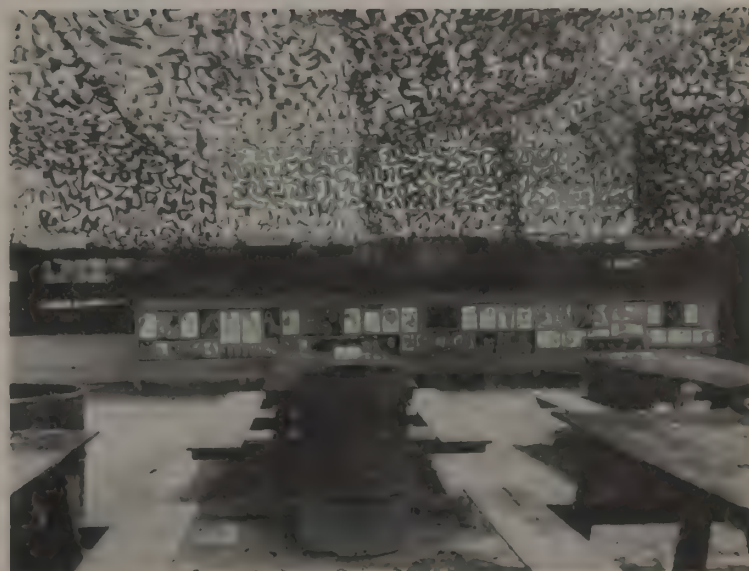
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BATTALION CAMP



Officers Country





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Bond Lottery



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Machine Shop



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21 ST. SPECIAL WATER SUPPLY



MEDICAL SUPPLY DEPOT

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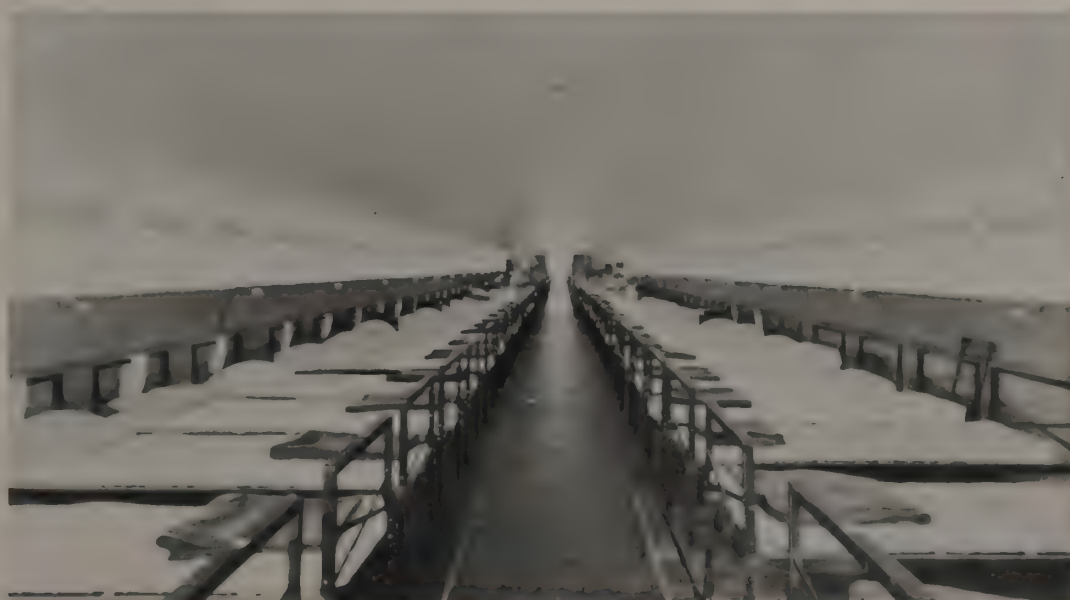
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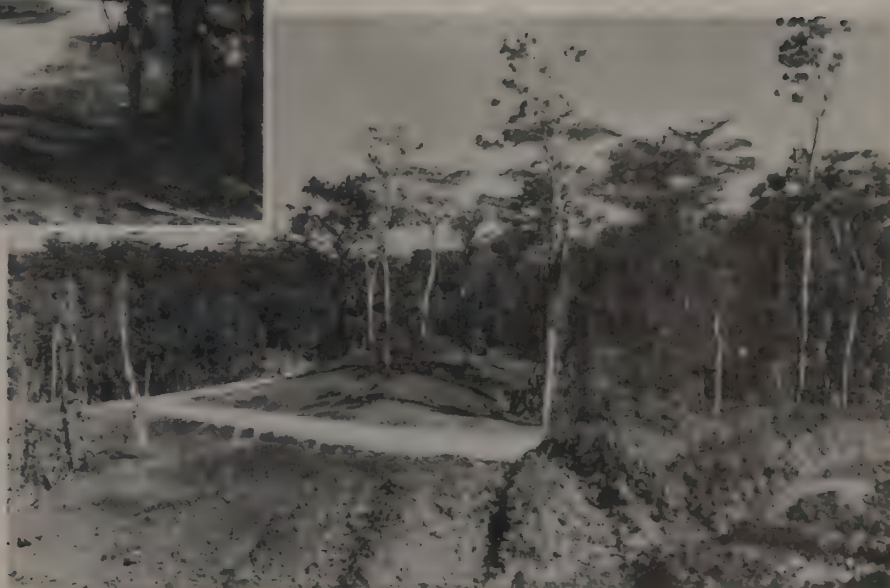
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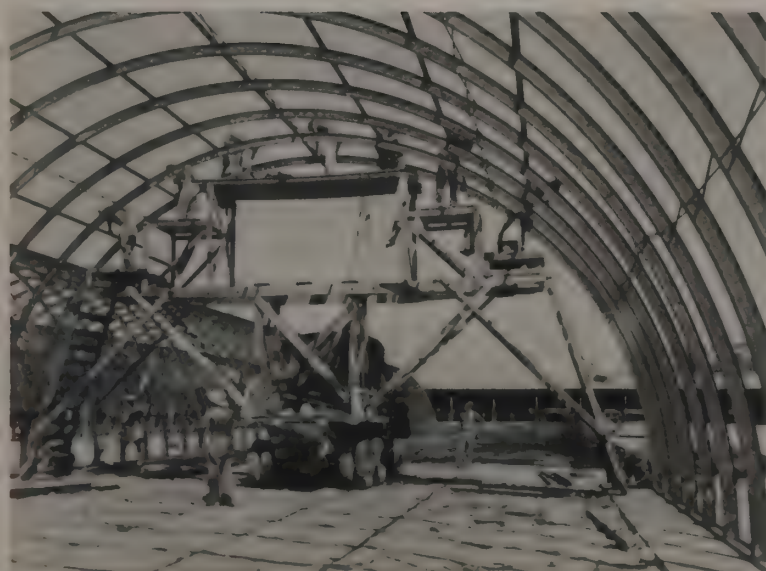


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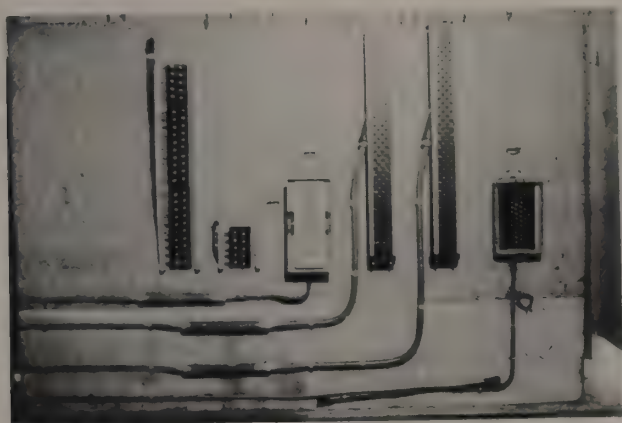
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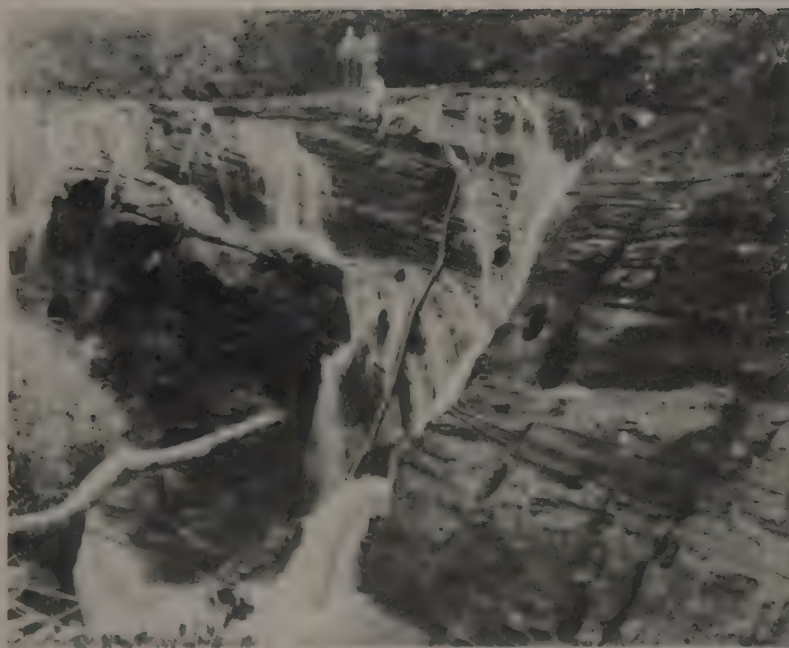


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THE ADMIRALTY ISLANDS

The Admiralty Islands, the most northerly of the Bismarck Archipelago, lying but two degrees south of the equator, were discovered by Schouten and Le Maire in 1616. In 1884, Germany took possession of the islands. The Admiralties formed part of the German New Guinea Protectorate up until the time of World War I, when Australia assumed control of the group. From 1920, when the League of Nations gave them mandatory power over these islands, until the Japanese occupied them in 1942, the Admiralties were administered by Australia. By mid-April, 1944, the Allies had acquired complete control of the group, the first landings having been made the 29th of February 1944.

The Admiralty Group consists of one large island, Manus, and many smaller ones. Manus Island has an area of over 700 square miles. Rugged mountains, with a maximum elevation of about 3000 feet, and dense jungle growth cover the island. The red volcanic soil and steep slopes are ill adapted to cultivation, although there are many coconut plantations along the coast. The natives, of Melanesian stock, subsist largely on sago, coconut, taro, breadfruit, bananas, wild pig and fish. Lesser islands of the group, together with barrier reefs, combine to form the very large lagoon, Seeadler Harbor, which, according to "Time" magazine, is big enough to shelter all the navies of the world. Because of their important logistic value, the Admiralties were chosen as the site of a great U. S. Naval Advanced Base which was undoubtedly one of the deciding factors in the war of the Pacific.

P A C I F I C O C E A N



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